

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 902

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Alice Algood of Maury County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Alice Algood; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Algood was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a woman of tremendous grace and integrity who embodied the best of her community, Mrs. Algood was taught the value of service to others by her parents, Patricia Cordelia Smith Wright and Aubrey Buren Wright; and

WHEREAS, born March 11, 1926, in Columbia, she grew up in the Volunteer State and was a member of the Central High School Class of 1942, graduated at St. Agnes School in Memphis, and attended Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, a contralto with the Nashville Symphony at its inception, Mrs. Algood sang with the symphony at the Ryman Auditorium and continued her joy in the art as a member of the Columbia Choral Society, and as a member of the choirs of Garden Street Presbyterian Church, Zion Presbyterian Church, and First Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, a true Maury County original and seventh generation Tennessean, she passionately worked to preserve this State's and Nation's historic treasures while serving as president of the Association of Preservation of Antiquities (APTA), president of the Tennessee State Museum Foundation, member of the Tennessee Historic Commission, member of the Maury County Historical Society, chairman of the Tennessee Governor's Residence Foundation, and she was appointed by President Ronald Reagan and confirmed by the Senate of the United States to serve a ten year term on the National Museum Services Board; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in her community, Mrs. Algood dedicated her remarkable leadership abilities to numerous civic organizations, including serving as a trusted servant on the Maury County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, along with her husband, Reuben C. Algood, she was responsible for the donation of the Athenaeum Rectory to the APTA, and while serving on the initial board dedicated to the restoration of Rippavilla Plantation, she lent her vast expertise and singular skills to the valiant effort of maintaining the significant and historic house; and

WHEREAS, a trailblazer for women in Tennessee politics and believing in the clarity and wisdom of the Founding Fathers, she stalwartly stood by her convictions while serving on the Tennessee Republican National Committee, the Tennessee Republican Party as vice-chairman, and she served as a delegate to three National Republican Conventions; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she was recognized with the Lucille Queener Courtney Community Service Award in 1997 and was a member of the Tennessee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Capt. James Madison Sparkman Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the James K. Polk Memorial Association; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her family, she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Algood enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of fifty-five years, Reuben C. Algood, who predeceased her; and

WHEREAS, she was the proud and loving mother and mother-in-law of Patricia Algood Junkin and husband, G. Bruce Junkin, and Rebecca Algood Moon; and

WHEREAS, she will also be sorely missed by her grandchildren, Jefferson Bruce Junkin and wife, Gabriela Junkin, William Clark Moon, and Bennett Rebecca Moon; and

WHEREAS, her legacy will also be remembered by her great-grandson, Jesse Caleb Junkin, and a host of family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, she was also preceded in death by John Robert Hartley; and

WHEREAS, Alice Algood leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Alice Algood, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Alice Algood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.